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All that is needed to participate is an email address* and a regular telephone or a speaker phone. To enhance the teleconference, a computer and LCD projector can be used to view and correlate the handouts with the speaker's presentation. At the end of the program, you will have an opportunity to ask the speaker a question.

***Confirmation letters and all other communications for this teleconference will be through email.**

1. There is no fee for this program.
2. Designate a site representative.
3. Complete the enclosed site registration form and return it to:

Mail: NLTN, Northeast Office
305 South St.
Boston, MA 02130-3597

or

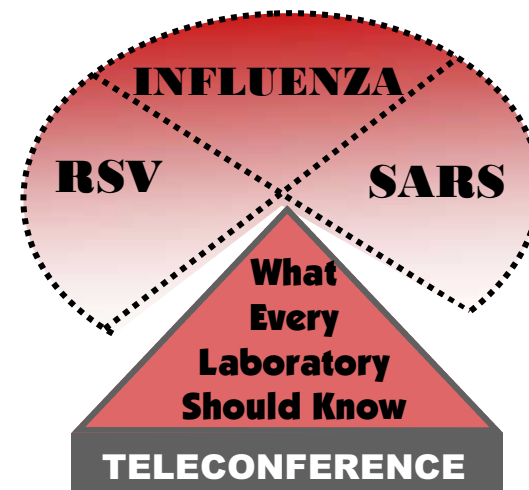
Fax: (617) 983-8037

4. Registration deadline is December 12, 2003.
5. Upon receipt of your registration form, confirmation letters with teleconference details will be emailed.
6. Before the teleconference, download the handout materials from the internet to your computer.
7. Duplicate the handout materials for the participants.
8. On the day of the teleconference, call the CDC teleconference bridge (call using one telephone line only). This allows all of the participants to be joined together with the program speaker for a high quality interactive educational experience.

Special Needs and Information

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations should notify the NLTN at least two weeks prior to the course. For more information email neoffice@nltn.org.

NLTN
305 South Street
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December 16, 2003

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (EST)

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (CST)

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (MST)

11:00 - 12:30 p.m. (PST)

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What Every Laboratory Should Know

Program Description

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ("SARS") infected more than 8,000 people and killed 774 people globally during 2002 and 2003. A global response led to the identification of a previously unknown coronavirus as the cause. Although no further transmission of SARS has been detected since July 2003, many are concerned that SARS-coronavirus could reappear during the 2003-2004 respiratory season.

The CDC is leading efforts in the U.S. to ready surveillance and response plans for the possible reappearance of SARS. Laboratories must be prepared for the additional safety precautions recommended when handling SARS specimens and for the need to provide appropriate interpretations of laboratory results for other respiratory viruses in possible SARS cases.

This program will review the epidemiology and clinical presentations of the major respiratory viruses and SARS. The relationship between disease prevalence and test predictive values, and the CDC recommendations for specimen collection and testing and laboratory safety will be discussed.

Agenda

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (EST)

- Epidemiology and Clinical Presentation of Influenza, RSV and SARS
- Available Test Methods for Influenza and RSV
- Predictive Values
- CDC Recommendations
Specimen Collection
Testing
Laboratory Safety

Speakers

Carol Kirk is the Coordinator of the Virology Program and Laboratory Network at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison, Wisconsin.

Peter A. Shult, Ph.D. is the Chief Virologist and Director of the Communicable Disease Division and Emergency Laboratory Response at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison, Wisconsin.

Moderator

Cheryl Matzinger is the Laboratory Training Coordinator in the Communicable Disease Division at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison, Wisconsin.

Program Objectives

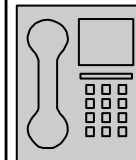
At the end of the session, the participant will be able to:

- Describe the epidemiology and clinical presentations of influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, and the SARS-coronavirus.
- Discuss the importance of disease prevalence on test predictive values and test result interpretation.
- Summarize the current CDC recommendations for specimen testing and laboratory safety.

Continuing Education Credit

Continuing education credit will be offered to laboratorians based on 1.5 hours of instruction.

What is a Teleconference?



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- Simple, easy and affordable, teleconferences do not require sophisticated equipment.
- They allow multiple learners at your site to access the information at one time and for one price.
- Time spent away from your busy work place is minimal!

The National Laboratory Training Network is a training system sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL).



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Influenza • RSV • SARS: What Every Laboratory Should Know

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Name of Site Representative	
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_____ Anticipated number of participants at your site

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